a statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology.

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

Re. Removal of Oriya Signage on Trains Plying to and from Orissa

SHRI B.J. PANDA (Orissa): Sir, I wish to bring the attention of the House a shocking development which is causing a lot of protests in Orissa. Sir, in the Railways, after many years of following a practice, where trains to and from Orissa used to carry signage in three languages, that is, English, Hindi and Oriya. Very recently, Oriya signage on trains to and from Orissa have been now removed. Sir, there are millions of migrants Oriya labours that go from Orissa to other parts of the country who surely cannot be expected to know Hindi and English. Sir, this is a very emotive issue and it is particularly emotive because this has not applied to other languages in the country. For example, Sir, trains to and from Tamil Nadu continue to have signs in Tamil along with Hindi and English and that is the way it should be. Trains to and from Andhra Pradesh continue to have signs in Telugu along with Hindi and English and that is the way it should be. Sir, if there is any feeling either in the Railways or in any part of the country that Oriya as a language should not be respected this will not be tolerated by the people of Orissa. Today the technology exists to carry even multiple signages in many other languages. So, it is all the more shocking that when the technology exists and it has become much simpler to do so, now they are forcing the removal of Oriya signage on trains going to and from Orissa, which is not acceptable to anybody in Orissa. Sir, I wish to bring this to the attention of the House and to condemn this move and to ask for an assurance from the Government that this will be reversed to the existing practice where signage in all three languages, including the local language of the State, should be reinstated. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: We associate, Sir.

SHRI B.J. PANDA: We want an assurance from the Minister

...*(Interruptions)*... We want an assurance from the Government. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Minister is not there. How can he respond? ...(Interruptions)...

SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT (West Bengal): How can a language be removed? ...(Interruptions)... This is a discrimination ...(Interruptions)...

श्री एस.एस. अहलुवालिया (झारखंड): यह क्षेत्रीय भाषा का अपमान है ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI B.J. PANDA: Can the Parliamentary Affairs Minister give us an assurance that this will be corrected? ...*(Interruptions)*... We want an assurance from the Government that Oriya signage will be reinstated. ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री उपसभापति: आप लोग बैठिए ...(व्यवधान)...

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश पचौरी): उपसभापति महोदय, माननीय सदस्यों ने जो भावनाएं व्यक्त की हैं, उनसे मैं रेल मंत्रालय को अवगत करा दूंगा।

Re Implementation of Recommendations of Sachar Committee Report

श्री शाहिद सिद्दीकी (उत्तर प्रदेश): उपसभापति जी, इस देश में विकास का सवाल और किसी भी वर्ग के पिछड़े होने का सवाल, राजनीतिक सवाल नहीं है। अगर एक वर्ग पिछड़ा रहता है, तो पूरा देश पिछड़ा रहता और हम सबका जो सपना है हिन्दुस्तान को एक super economic power बनाने का, वह तभी पूरा होगा, जब यहां पर संतुलित विकास होगा। इसी संदर्भ में जब सच्चर कमेटी की रिपोर्ट आई, तो हम लोगों को लगा कि यह जो असंतुलन 60 सालों में पैदा हुआ है, 60 सालों में विकास के मामले में जो लोग पिछड़े रहे हैं, मैं इसके कारणों में नहीं जाना चाहता, कारण बहुत सारे हैं ...(व्यवधान)

†[ ] **شری شاہد صدیقی (اتر پردیش)** : اپ سبھا پتی جی، اس دیش میں وکاس کا سوال اور کسی بھی ورگ کے بچھڑے ہونے کا سوال، راجنیتک سوال نہیں ہے۔ اگر

†[ ]Transliteration in Urdu Script.